

REFUND OF CERTAIN DUTIES PAID BY THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

FEBRUARY 6, 1895.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered
to be printed.

Mr. STONE, of Kentucky, from the Committee on War Claims, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany H. R. 165.]

The Committee on War Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 165) to refund duties paid by the State of New York on arms imported in 1863, respectfully report as follows:

That this claim was presented to the Fifty-first Congress, and a report was made in regard to it by the Committee on War Claims. As the examination by your committee has led them substantially to the same results with those arrived at by the committee of the Fifty-first Congress, they do not think it necessary to recapitulate the facts, but refer to that report, and herewith annex a copy for information.

Your committee recommend that the bill referred to them do pass.

[House Report No. 103, Fifty-first Congress, first session.]

The Committee on War Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 597) to refund duties paid by the State of New York on arms imported in 1863, report as follows:

That this claim was presented to the Forty-ninth Congress, and a report was made in regard to it by the Committee on War Claims, on the 23d of March, 1886. As the examination by your committee has led them to the same results with those arrived at by the committee of 1886, they do not think it necessary to recapitulate the facts, but refer to that report, and therewith annex a copy for information.

Your committee therefore recommend that the bill referred to them do pass.

[House Report No. 1297, Forty-ninth Congress, first session.]

The Committee on War Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 5011) to refund duties paid by the State of New York on arms imported in 1863, having examined the same and accompanying papers, submit the following report:

This claim is for duties paid by the State of New York on arms imported in 1863, and used in arming troops that were mustered into the service of the United States.

The foreign cost of the arms has been repaid by the United States, but the cost of importation has never been refunded. The application made by the State that it might be released from paying the duties was denied, for the reason that the act to remit duties on arms imported by States, approved July 10, 1861, and the act supplementary thereto, approved July 25, 1861, had expired by limitation.

It is evident that the foreign cost of the arms having been repaid by the United States, that part of their cost that the State was compelled to pay to the United States should also be refunded.

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It seems to your committee that the duties paid were quite as much a part of the cost, charges, and expenses to the State in arming the troops as the original cost of the arms.

The duties were paid in gold, and at a time when the premium on gold was very high, which, of course, increased largely the expense of the State.

Your committee therefore recommend that said State of New York be reimbursed the amount of said duties paid on arms purchased by said State in 1863, and thus used in arming troops which were mustered into the service of the Federal Government, and that said bill do pass.